



**Fire Information
Chattahoochee National Forest
November 15, 2001 (10:00 A.M.)**



UPDATE: The campfire ban put in place for national forests in Georgia remains in effect. Dockery Lake Campground is closed. Highway 60 is now open between Dahlonega and Suches. Motorists are asked to be cautious while driving this stretch of highway and to watch for rolling debris. The Georgia Forestry Commission is not issuing permits for outdoor burning.

Dry conditions in the forest combined with current weather conditions have created a situation of high fire danger in North Georgia. The U.S. Forest Service issued a campfire ban yesterday for all areas on the Chattahoochee and Oconee National Forests. Campfires will be allowed only in developed campgrounds within designated receptacles or fire rings. This ban will be effective through January 1, 2002.

There are currently two wildfires burning on the Chattahoochee National Forest.

The Glass Mine Fire:

LOCATION: Eight miles north of Dahlonega along Highway 60

SIZE: 915 acres

CONTAINMENT: 100%

INJURIES: 0

PERSONNEL COMMITTED TO FIRE: 229 people including eight 20-person crews. Crews currently are focusing on mopping up hot spots along the perimeter of the fire. The California Interagency Incident Management Team is now expanding suppression efforts from the Glass Mine Fire to supporting operations across the entire forest.

PARTNERS IN SUPPRESSION EFFORT: Georgia Forestry Commission, Union and Lumpkin County Volunteer Fire Depts, Georgia State Highway Patrol, Georgia DOT, Union and Lumpkin County Sheriff's Dept.

The Cooper Fire:

LOCATION: 11 miles northwest of Dahlonega

SIZE: Approximately 100 acres.

CONTAINMENT: 100%.

Fire-fighting personnel quickly got a line around the wildfire. Two 20-person crews with helicopter support are assigned to mop up the established perimeter.

For current information about the fire situation, visit the Forest Service website at www.fs.fed.us/conf/ or call the U.S. Forest Service Fire Information at (706) 864-6173 between 8:00a.m. – 5:00p.m.